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**RIOT FEARED AMONG KANSAS MINERS**

**Strong Effort to Prevent Strikers from Working—Hostility to Negroes.**

TOPEKA, Kas., Aug. 21.—[Special.]—News reached here tonight that a riot at Frontenac, in the Southeastern Kansas coal fields, was liable to be precipitated at any time. Yesterday Chairman Walters of the strikers' committee went to Frontenac and told the Santa Fé miners, who were individually contracting to go to work on the proposition of Manager Devlin, that if they attempted it he would bring 2,000 men there and by force drive them from the mines. He made an incendiary speech, declaring that unless the miners' union was treated with the strike would not end and trouble would follow. One hundred men went to work today in the Santa Fé mines, and more will follow. A Sheriff's posse will protect all men who want to work.

PITTSBURG, Kas., Aug. 21.—At a delegate convention of strikers presided over by President Walters the Devlin proposition was unanimously rejected on account of the contract and "ironclad" rules and regulations attached thereto. Mrs. Baker, the owner of the Durkee shaft near Weir City, created excitement by going to the office of Mr. Durkee,

the lessee, and informing him that if he shipped negro miners in to work for him she would cancel the insurance policies and burn the works before the property should be depreciated in any such manner.

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Aug. 21.—Not a wheel is turning nor a bushel of coal being raised in the North Leavenworth shaft today. Trouble is certainly brewing and some declare the strike is taking on a serious aspect. There is even talk of bloodshed and destruction. Fifth-six negroes who had been hired to come here and work in the north shaft arrived from the South Saturday night, and the intention was to take them into the shaft this morning. Striking miners worked on the credulity of the new arrivals, while others waited upon the tender of the shaft and, it is reported, informed him that if he took the imported negroes into the shaft his home would be blown up with dynamite. He refused to turn a wheel, and a few of the negroes boarded freight trains in the hope of again reaching their Southern homes.

The strikers held a mass-meeting tonight to consider the proposition of 80 cents per ton made by Supt. Carr of the North Leavenworth mine today. The meeting resulted in the rejection of all overtures and a demand of 90 cents in summer and \$1 in winter, and a further condition that the

mines shall be kept in continuous operation. Supt. Carr is authority for the statement that his mine will be operated tomorrow by the imported negroes, and that more will be brought in during the week.

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